

**REMARKS**

The rejections of Claims 1, 5, 20 and 21 as being anticipated by or obvious over Mehney et al under 35 USC §102 or §103 is deemed moot in light of the inclusion of the subject matter of Claims 2 – 4 into Claim 1 (as well as that of rejected Claim 5) and the inclusion of the subject matter of Claims 22 – 24 into Claim 20 (as well as that of rejected Claim 21). Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1 and 20 on the above ground is deemed moot.

The rejection of Claims 1-24 as being anticipated by or obvious over Wolfe et al under 35 USC §102 or §103 is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that neither a prima facie case of anticipation of obviousness has been established. Amended Claim 1 recites the relationship between the top and bottom frames which is necessary for allowing weight sensors to accurately determine weight and thereby, for example, reliably trigger an airbag. The Wolfe et al patent does not teach or even suggest this needed relationship notwithstanding the general characterization of its teachings.

For example, the Office Action does not explicate how the so-called U-shaped top and bottom frames reach from the outside over legs of the bottom from or how the top-frame in the patent dips by way of the leg into the bottom

from with the sensors are arranged in a transition area of the leg to a transverse web or in what manner spacer block are arranged between the top and bottom frames.

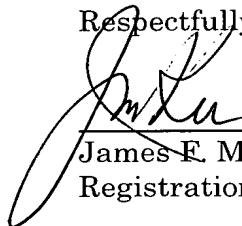
The absence of such a showing is fatal to a rejection based on either §102 or §103. Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52720US).

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